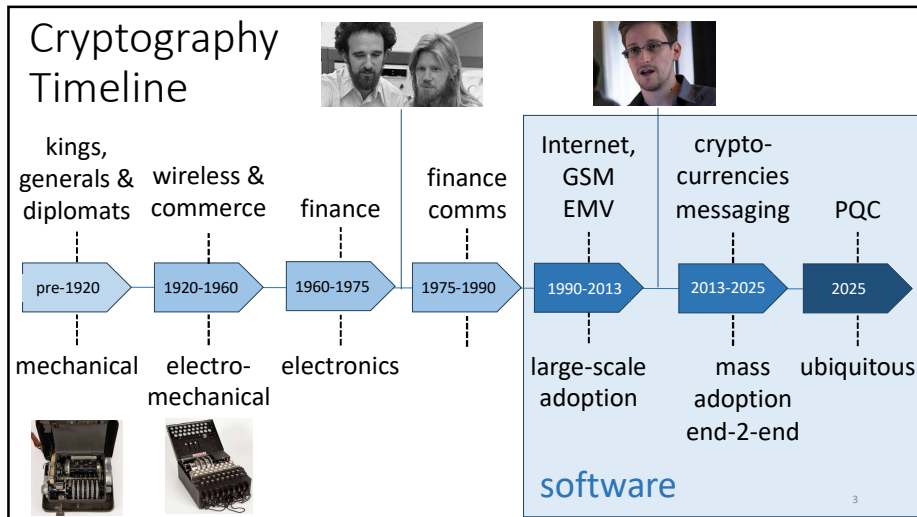
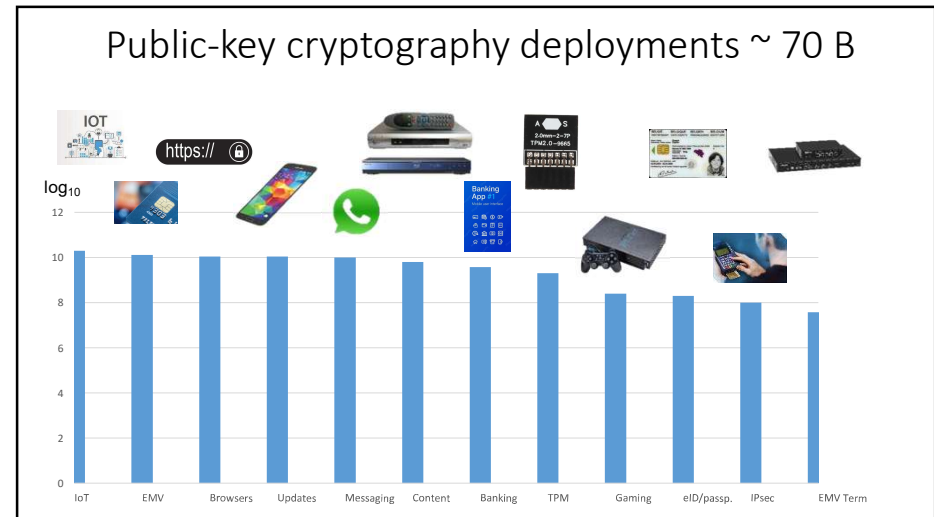


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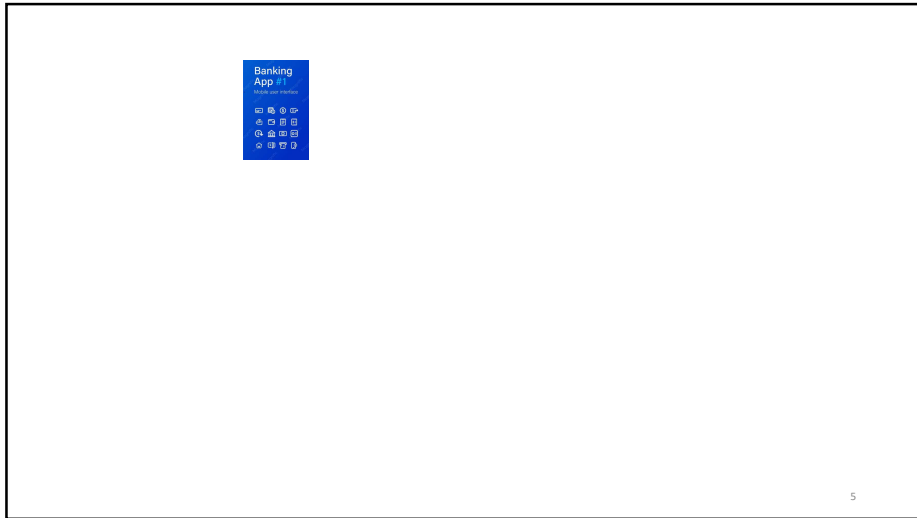
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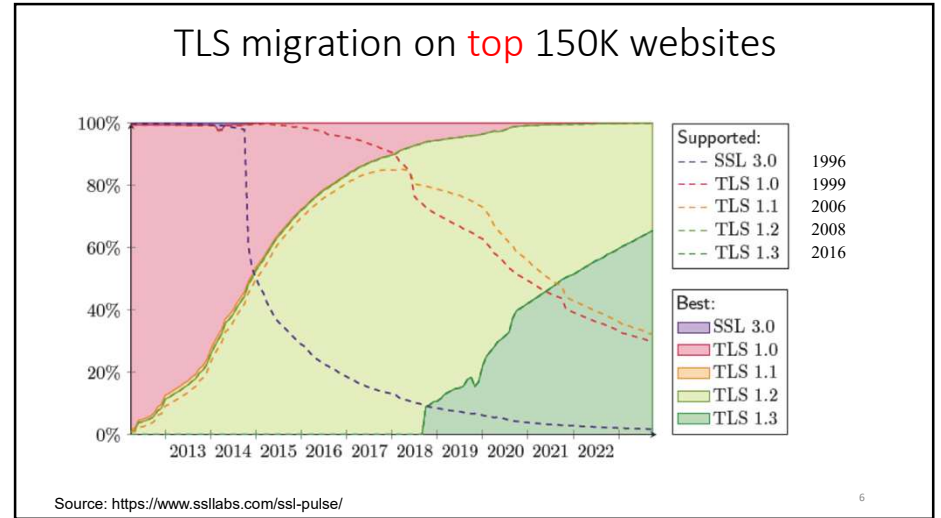
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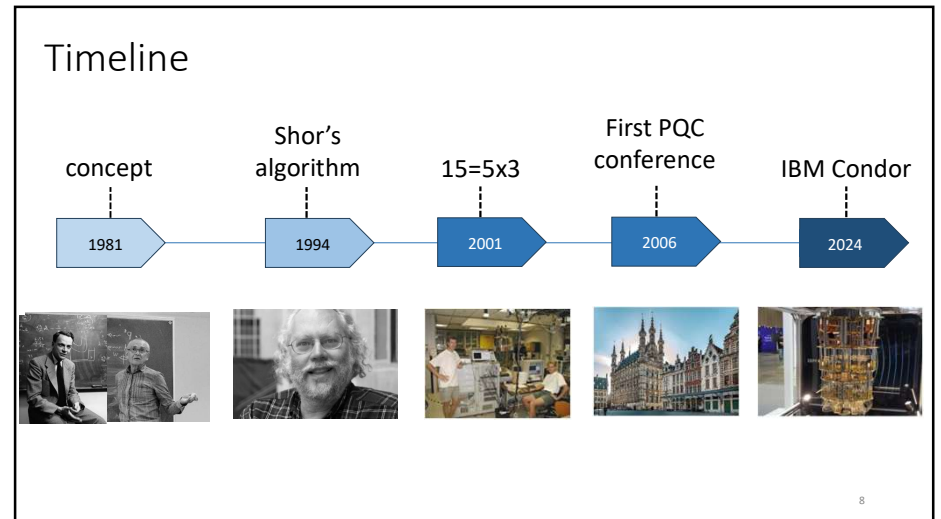
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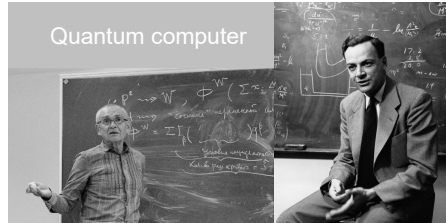
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The advent of quantum computers

Yuri Manin 1980
 Richard Feynman 1981
 Exponential parallelism
 based on entanglement
 and superposition



Jan. 2014: NSA has spent \$85M on research to build a quantum computer
 [McKinsey'24] China has spent \$14B on quantum technologies (or is it \$4B?)
 versus \$3.7B by the US

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If a large quantum computer can be built

public-key cryptography algorithms have to be replaced
 [Shor'94]

RSA, Diffie-Hellman (including elliptic curves)



Breaking RSA-2048 requires 4096 ideal qubits

≈ 1 million physical qubits (surface codes) <https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.15917>

≈ 100K physical qubits (QLDPC codes) <https://arxiv.org/abs/2602.11457>



symmetric crypto: key sizes: x2 [Grover'96]

but huge devices needed; serial algorithm

Sam Jacques (CHES'24): don't worry

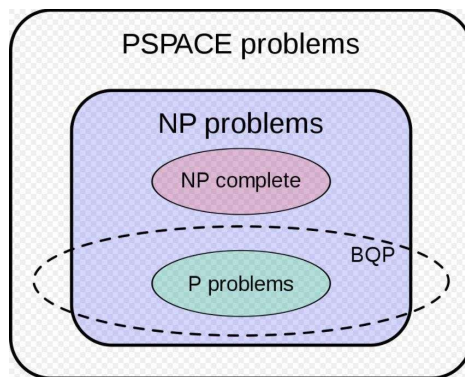
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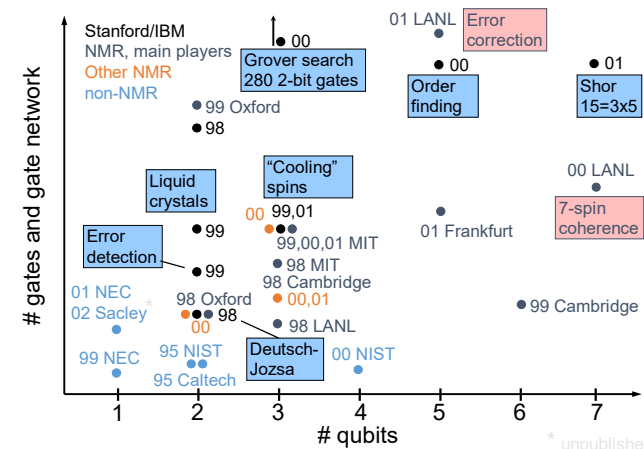
Power of quantum computers: BQP (Bounded-Error Quantum Polynomial Time)



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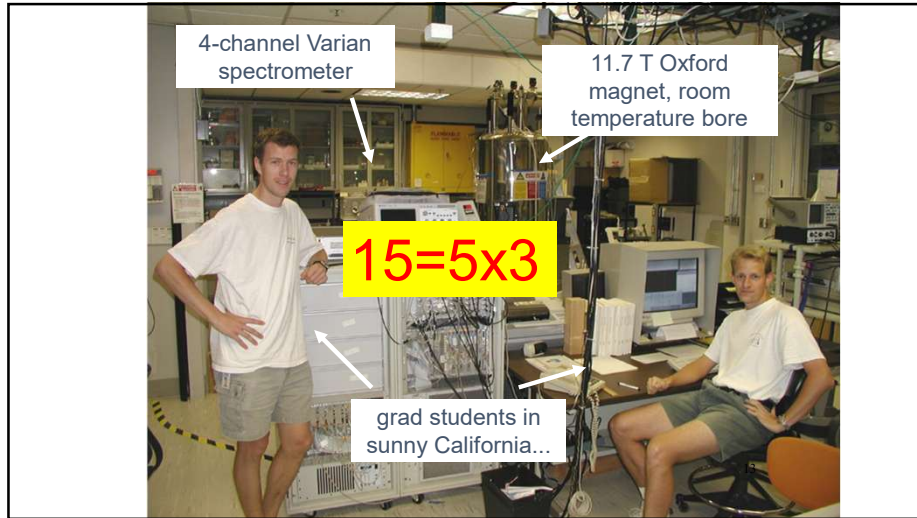
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State of the art in coherent qubit control ('01)



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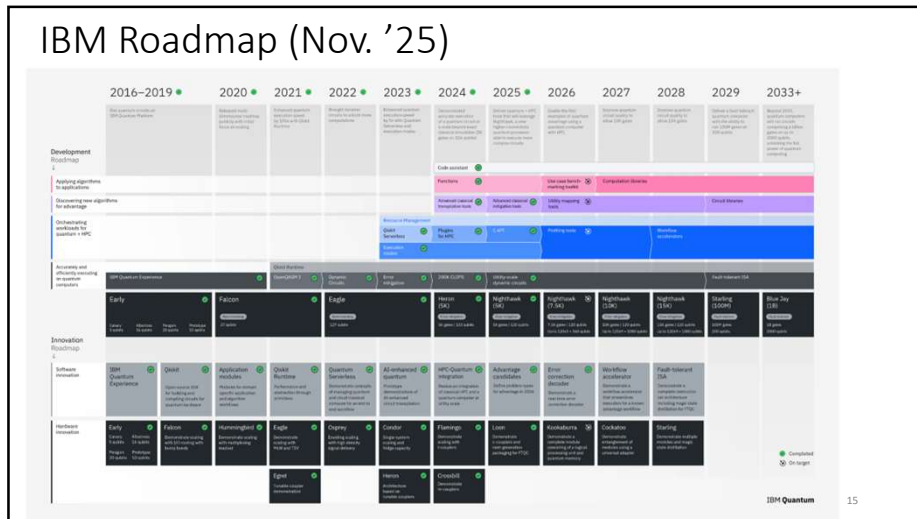
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Quantum computers get names

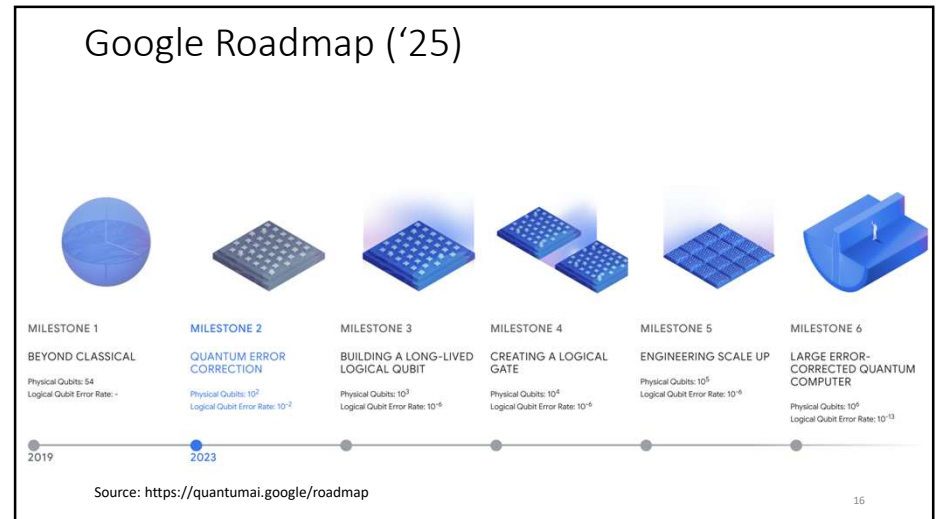
Microsoft	Amazon	Google	Chinese Academy of Sciences and QuantumCTek	IBM	Atom
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8 qubits	9 qubits	105 qubits	504 qubits	1121 qubits	1180 qubits

Kookabura
4158 qubits
(announced)

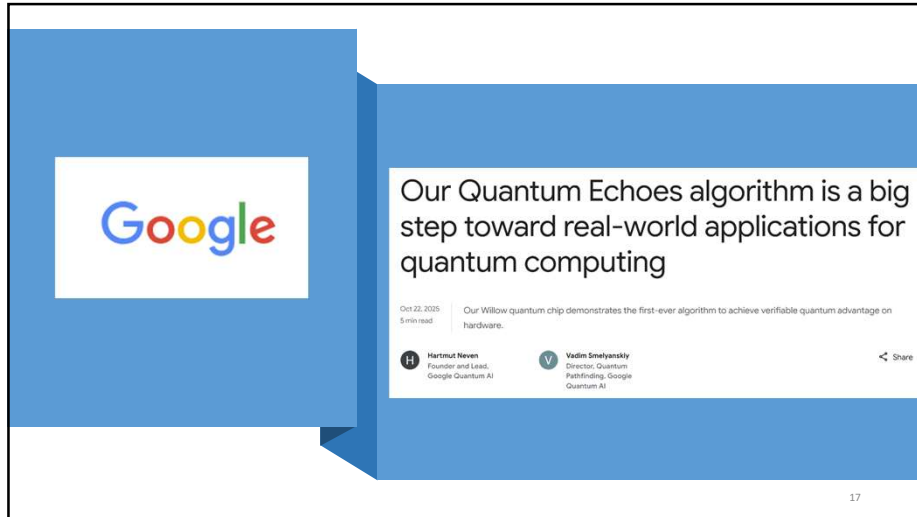
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For the first time 1 error-corrected qubit in 2023

Yet researchers have announced in the past two decades lots of simple factorizations on quantum computers: 15, 21, 35, RSA-2048

Paper 2025/1237
 Replication of Quantum Factorisation Records with an 8-bit Home Computer, an Abacus, and a Dog

Peter Gutmann, University of Auckland
 Stephan Neuhaus, Zurich University of Applied Sciences

Prior work: John A. Smolin, Graeme Smith, Alex Vargo,

- Pretending to factor large numbers on a quantum computer
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1301.7007>
- Published on 10 July 2013 in Nature with as title "Oversimplifying quantum factoring"
<https://www.nature.com/articles/nature12290>

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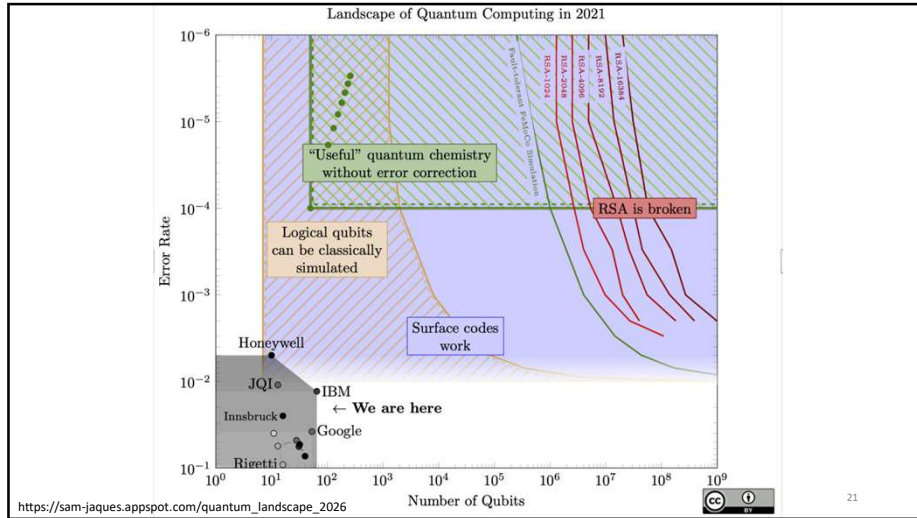
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BSI Assessment of technologies

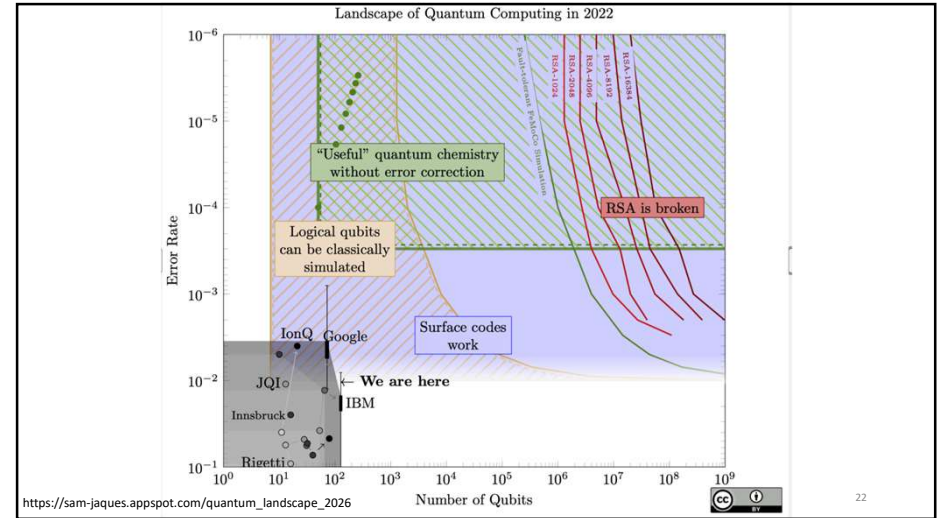
BSI (2025): we estimate at the conservative end that it will take 15 years to build a Cryptographically Relevant Quantum Computer (CRQC)

Source: Federal Office for Information Security

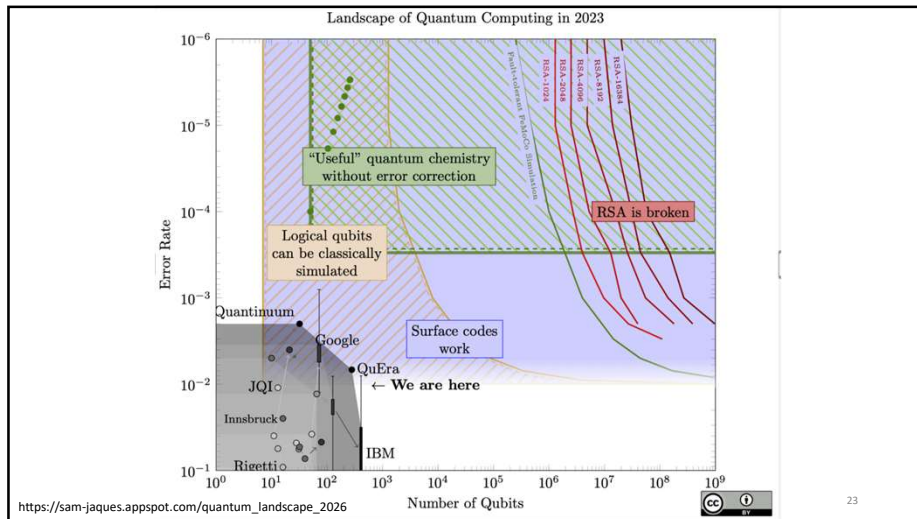
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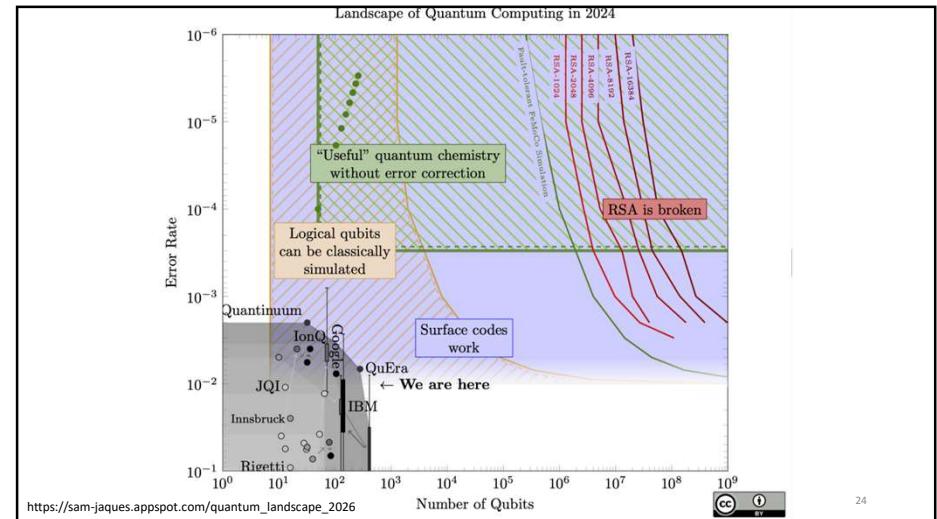
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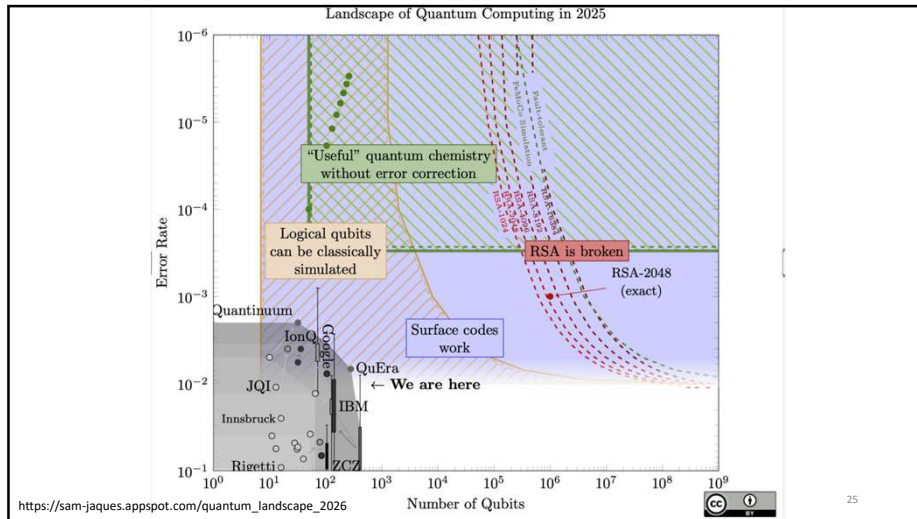
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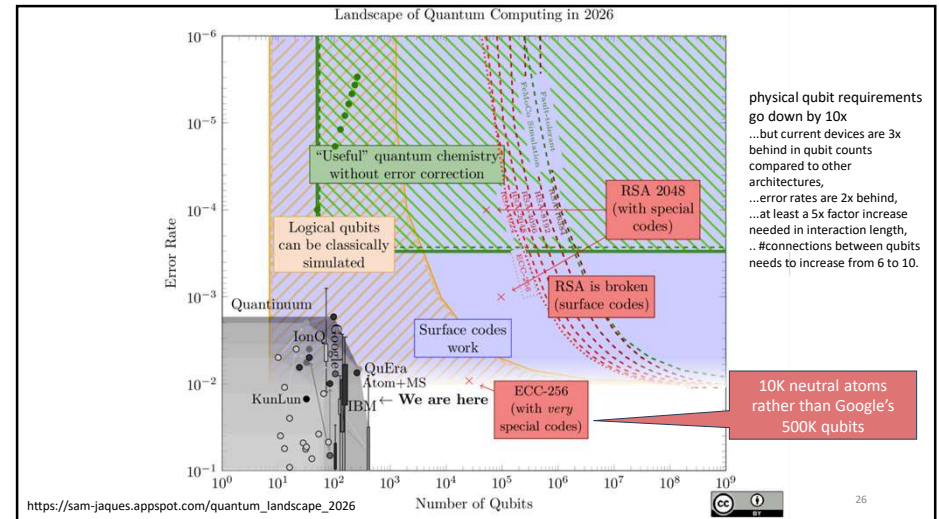
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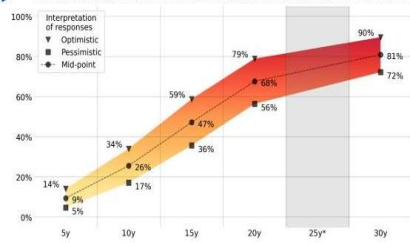


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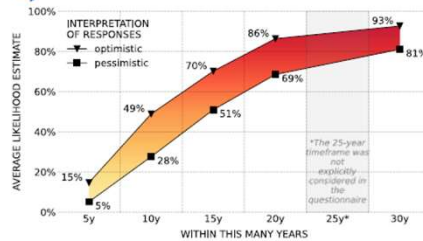
What do "the experts" say? (2024-2025)

Source: EvolutionQ

2024 OPINION-BASED ESTIMATES OF THE CUMULATIVE PROBABILITY OF A DIGITAL QUANTUM COMPUTER ABLE TO BREAK RSA-2048 IN 24 HOURS, AS FUNCTION OF TIMEFRAME



AVERAGE 2025 EXPERTS' ESTIMATES OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF A QUANTUM COMPUTER ABLE TO BREAK RSA-2048 IN 24 HOURS



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What do some other experts say?



You can cross 'Quantum computers to smash crypto' off your list of existential fears for 30 years

RSA's Adi Shamir we're safe for a generation, but more gnarly keys are still a good idea

by Iain Thomson

Wed 26 Apr 2023 06:28 UTC

RSA CONFERENCE Adi Shamir, the cryptographer whose surname is the "S" in "RSA", thinks folks need to stop worrying about quantum computing breaking encryption algorithms.

Jens Eisert, John Preskill, Mind the gaps: The fraught road to quantum advantage, <https://arxiv.org/html/2510.19928v1>

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Rational quantum mechanics: Testing quantum theory with quantum computers

Tim Palmer [Authors Info & Affiliations](#)

Contributed by Tim Palmer; received August 25, 2025; accepted February 5, 2026; reviewed by Ivette Fuentes, Nicolas Gisin, Lucien Hardy, and Stephen Hsu

March 16, 2026 | 123 (12) e2523350123 | <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2523350123>

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Muscular (GCHQ) help from Level 3 (LITTLE)

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Current Efforts - Google

Jan 9 2013: In the preceding 30 days, field collectors had processed and sent back 181,280,466 new records — including “metadata,” which would indicate who sent or received e-mails and when, as well as content such as text, audio and video (from Yahoo! and Google)

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Upstream: 90% of traffic over cables

The internet's undersea world

GCHQ plan in 2009:
 tap 16.9Tbs
 select 3.9Tbs (egress)
 ~20%

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When to switch to post-quantum cryptography? [Mosca]

Q = #years until first large quantum computer
 x = #years it takes to switch (3-12 years)
 y = #years data needs to be **confidential** (10 years)

Need to start switching in the year 2026 + Q - x - y
 e.g. Q = 14, x=4, y=10: today!

For digital signatures, y ≈ 0

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Who is your adversary?

- Nation states
- Organized crime
- Competitor

What is their target?

- Top secret info
- Business critical data
- Your shopping list?

Will they tell you when they have a CRQC?

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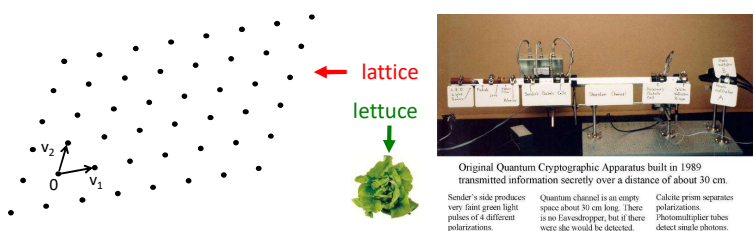
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Post-quantum Cryptography \neq Quantum Key Distribution

Find new cryptographic algorithms that resist attacks on quantum computers

Use quantum physics to agree on secret keys



Original Quantum Cryptographic Apparatus built in 1989 transmitted information secretly over a distance of about 30 cm.

Sender's side produces very faint green light pulses of 4 different polarizations. Quantum channel is an empty space about 30 cm long. There is no eavesdropper, but if there were she would be detected. Calcite prism separates polarizations. Photomultiplier tubes detect single photons.

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NIST Post-Quantum Competition (2016-2026)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Post-Quantum_Cryptography_Standardization
<https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/ir/2022/NIST.IR.8413.pdf>

Encryption: KYBER
 Digital signatures: Dilithium, Falcon, SPHINCS+ (hash-based signature)

	Signatures	Encryption/KEM	TOTAL
Lattice	4/3/2/2	24/9/3/1	28/12/5/3
Code	5/0/0/0	19/7/1/0	24/7/1/0
Multivariate	7/4/1/0	6/0/0/0	13/4/1/0
Hash	4/1/0/1	0/0/0/0	4/1/0/1
Other	3/1/0/0	10/1/0/0	13/2/0/0
TOTAL	23/9/3/3	59/17/4/1	82/26/7/4

IETF (independent of NIST): 2 hash-based signatures

- RFC 8554 Leighton-Micali signatures
- RFC 8391 XMSS eXtended Merkle signatures

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Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC): The Risk of Being Late

COSIC researchers break high profile candidates

A New Attack Easily Knocked Out a Potential Encryption Algorithm

SIKE was a contender for post-quantum-computing encryption. It took researchers an hour and a single PC to break it.

Wouter Castryck, Thomas Decru
Microsoft bounty of 50.000\$

Paper 2022/214
Breaking Rainbow Takes a Weekend on a Laptop

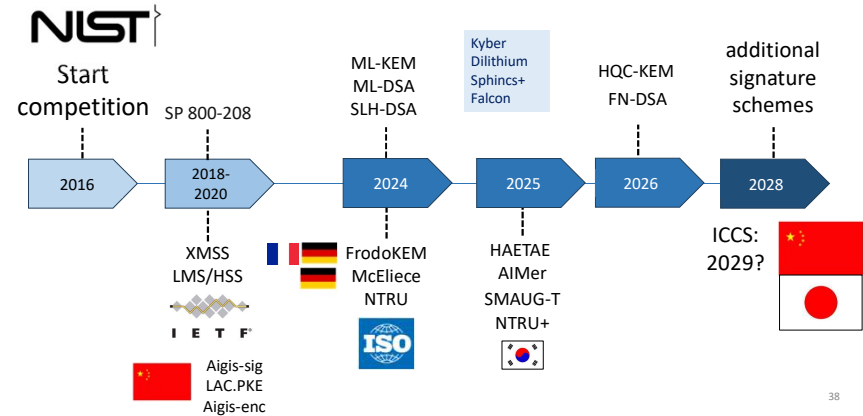
2024/1297 (PDF)
Improved Cryptanalysis of SNOVA

Ward Beullens
(second result at IBM)

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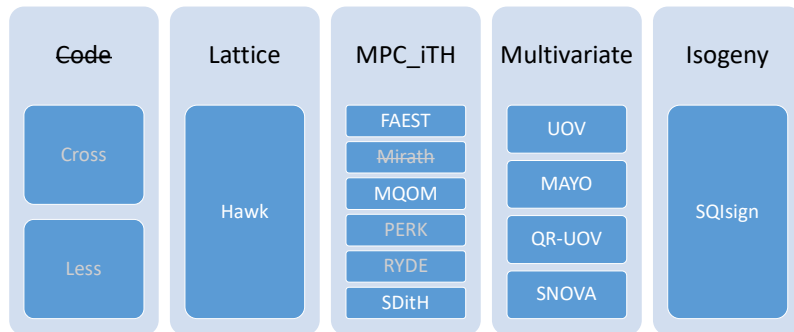
PQC Algorithm Standardization



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NIST: Round 3 of Digital Signatures (part II)



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New scheme:
larger sizes but
not slower

Key agreement/encryption:

- Key size + ciphertext x3..x15
- Encryption: 2x slower than RSA, 5x faster than ECC
- Decryption faster

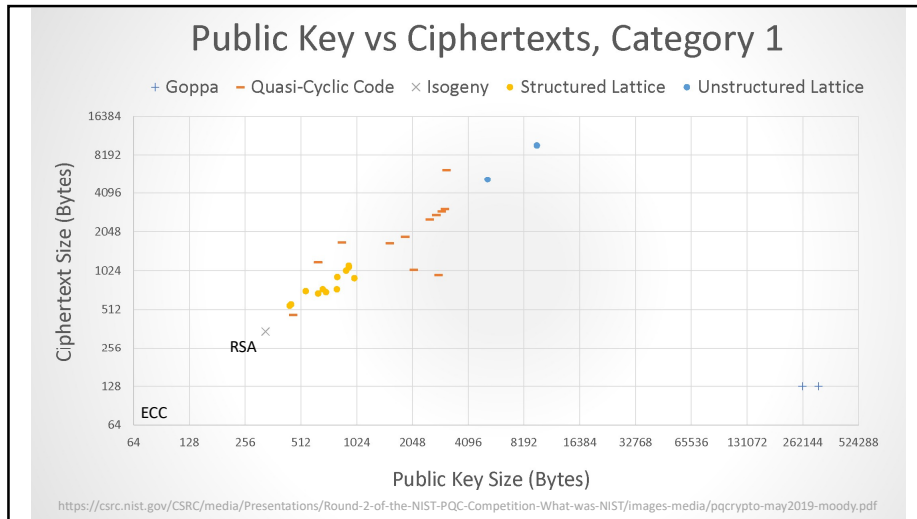
Signatures

- Public key + signature x15..x30
- Signing faster
- Verification: comparable to faster

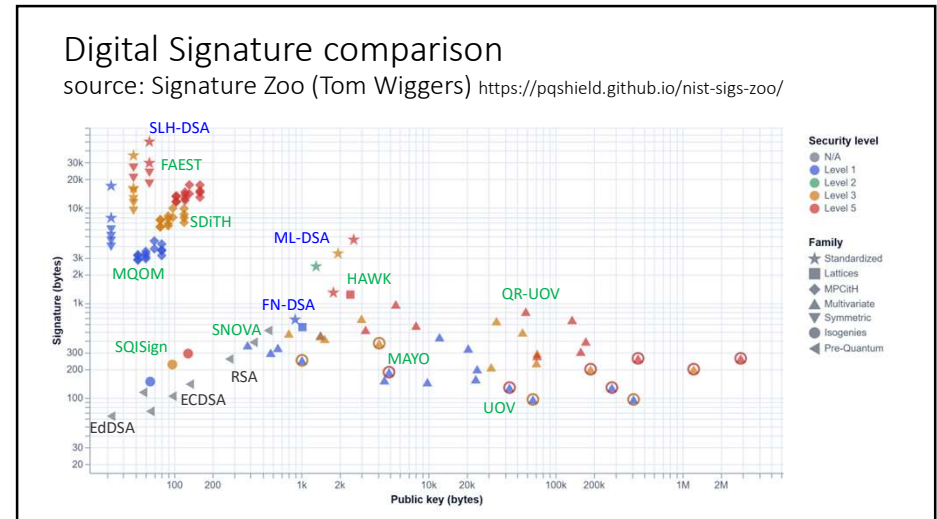
Under development: ZK, OPRF, VPRF, PAKE, threshold signatures,...

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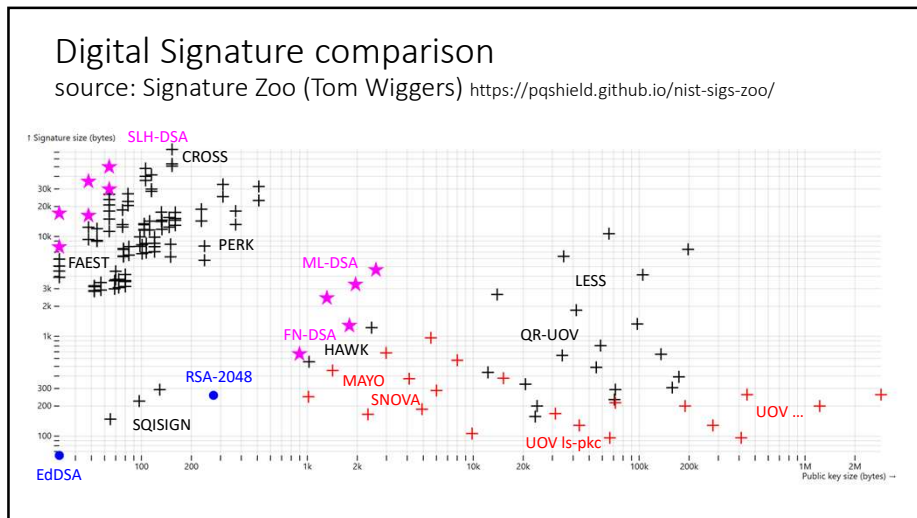
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Digital Signature comparison

source: Signature Zoo (Tom Wiggers) <https://pqshield.github.io/nist-sigs-zoo/>

Scheme	Security	Public key + signature (byte)	Sign + Verify (relative to ML-DSA)
ECC (Ed25519)	X	96	0.14
Factoring (RSA)	X	528	40.2
Lattice (ML-DSA)	OK	2733	1.00
Symmetric (LMS) (3)	OK	1160	5.65
Lattice (FN-DSA 512)	Maybe	1563	1.85
Multivariate (MAYO) (8)	?	1874	1.4
Isogeny (SQISIGN)		241	177.5
Lattice (HAWK)		1579	0.73
Code (CROSS)	?	7994	27.5
MPC (Ryde) (5)	?	7532	27.5
VOLE (FAEST)	?	5728	12

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Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC): The Risk of Being Late

How to continue?

Pre-Quantum era RSA / ECC

Hybrid era RSA / ECC +
Post-Quantum

Post-Quantum Era Post-Quantum

	OR: gradual transition	AND: no gradual transition
Digital signature	Ok	Long term secure
Public key encryption	No long term security	Long term secure

Migration 60 billion libraries and applications in billions of devices

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Additional challenges

- Most robust schemes and higher security levels have worse performance: SLH-DSA and Classic McEliece
- Lattice based schemes: ML-KEM, ML-DSA, FN-DSA
 - Decryption failure, floating point, noise sampling
- Side channel resistance:
 - KyberSlash
 - EM in Fujisaki-Okamoto mode: FO-calyps [Azouaoui et al., Surviving the FO-CALYPS: Securing PQC Implementations in Practice, RWC'22]
 - ...

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Are we done yet? (1/3)

- IETF: TLS, IPsec (IKEv2), SSH, JOSE, COSE, messaging:
 - there is no direct PQC alternative for Diffie-Hellman (built-in forward secrecy)
 - only KEM, no signatures yet
 - future may be KEM-based protocols
- LINUX foundation: Post-Quantum Cryptography Alliance (PQCA)
 - open quantum safe (OQS) project
 - post-quantum crypto VPN (fork of OpenVPN)
 - post-quantum TLS (fork of OpenSSL)
 - post-quantum SSH (fork of OpenSSH 7.7)
- TCG: Lattice based Direct Anonymous Attestation (draft)

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Are we done yet? (2/3)

- Threshold signatures: NIST
- Blind signatures: IS 18370
- Anonymous signatures: IS 20008
 - Direct anonymous attestation
 - Group signatures
 - Ring signatures
- Oblivious transfer: IS 25330
- ZK Proofs
- Identity and credentials: W3C, DIF, FIDO
- Multi-Party Computation (MPC): IS 4922

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Are we done yet? (3/3)

- Oblivious PRF
- Verifiable PRF
- Password Authenticated Key Establishment (PAKE)

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PQC = A huge software migration project:
slow, expensive and complex
does not bring in new revenue

- Risk-based analysis (cannot do it all)
- Crypto-inventory is first step but extremely complex – most organizations depend on suppliers who will not move synchronously
- Gradations of complexity – 10-year agenda
 - Relatively easy: messaging, network security (TLS, SSH) underway
 - Difficult: digital signatures for secure boot/update
 - Hard: PKI e.g. middleboxes and clients break when certificate chains larger than 10kB (ML-DSA: 15 kByte)
 - Hard: platforms
- End-game should be crypto-agility

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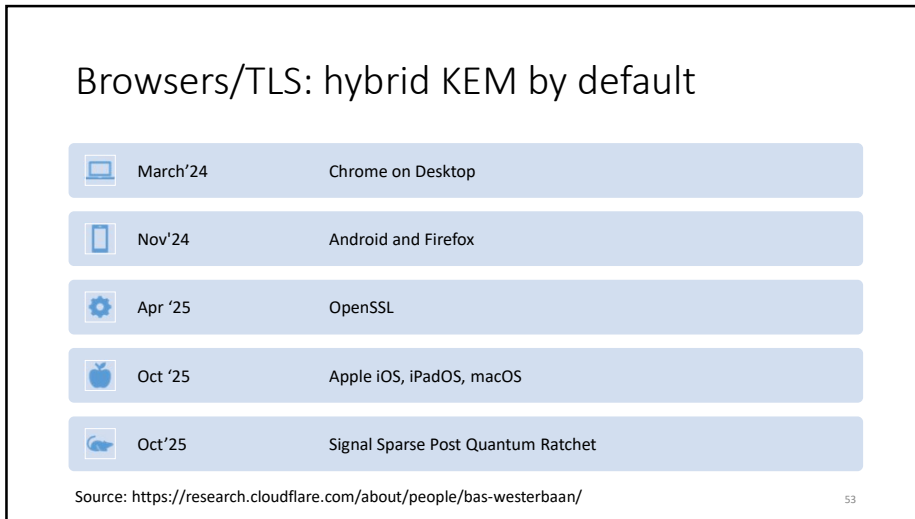
KEMs are easier than signatures

- **Encryption:** ML-KEM satisfactory (but some avoid ML-KEM-512)
 - AES-128: needs no upgrade but AES-256 combined with PQC requires level 5: 2x storage and 2x slower
- **Digital signatures:** ML-DSA default but more issues (some avoid ML-KEM-44)
 - Prehashing
 - Private key format: seed, key, seed + key

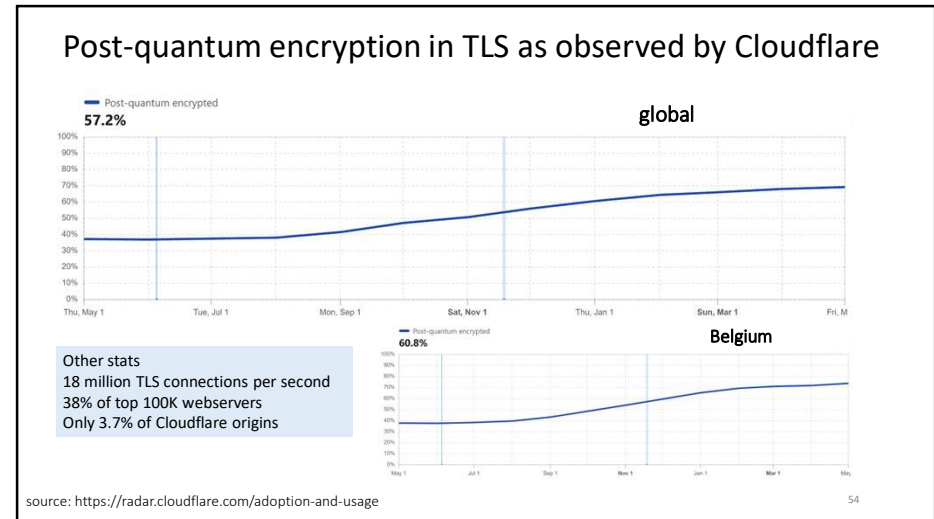
IETF draft has gone from 26 to 18 variants of which 6 are recommended (RFC ready in May 2026)

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Digital signature applications

- Code updates
- TLS 1.3 handshake has 5 signatures and 3 public keys (7-9 Kbyte)
 - Handshake signature
 - PKI 2 signatures for the certificate chain
 - 2 signatures for certificate transparency
- PKI: will need hybrid certificate and classical certificate to allow for smooth upgrade
- HSM: hardware upgrade then certification then deployment

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Merkle Tree Certificates for TLS

<https://davidben.github.io/merkle-tree-certs/draft-davidben-tls-merkle-tree-certs.html>
https://blog.cloudflare.com/bootstrap-mtc?trk=public_post_comment-text/

- TLS handshake: has 5 signatures and 3 public keys (7-9 Kbyte)
 - Larger PQC certificates/timestamps: 200 bytes -> 7 kbytes
 - Shorter certificate lifetimes (reduce revocation challenges)
 - Large certificate transparency trees (auditable logging of certs)
- Idea: first log a cert (hashes of public keys) and then sign a batch (reverse order)
- Cert: 1 signature + 1 public key + 1 inclusion proof
- Signed treeheads can be predistributed (shared by many certs) – even shorter than today
 - signatureless certificates - inclusion proofs in Merkle trees (relying party needs additional info)

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Microsoft | Microsoft On the Issues | Our Company | News and Stories

Post-quantum resilience: building secure foundations

Aug 20, 2025 | Amy Hogan-Burney - CVP, Customer Security & Trust

Quantum frontiers may be closer than they appear

Mar 25, 2025 | 2 min read | We're setting a timeline for post-quantum cryptography migration to 2029.

Heather Adkins, VP, Security Engineering | Sophie Schweg, Senior Staff Cryptography Engineer

Google

Cloudflare targets 2029 for full post-quantum security

2026-04-07 | Bas Westerbaan

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What did the NSA say in Sept.'22?

National Security Agency Cybersecurity Advisory

Announcing the Commercial National Security Algorithm Suite 2.0

Executive summary
 The need for protection against a future deployment of a cryptanalytically relevant quantum computer (CRQC) is well documented. That story begins in the mid-1990s when Peter Shor discovered a CRQC would break

**AES-256, SHA-384, SHA-512
 LMS/XMSS
 CRYSTALS-Kyber, CRYSTALS-Dilithium level V**

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Software/firmware signing	transition			Support							
Networking (VPN/routers)				and prefer							
Web browsers/servers										Exclusive	
Operating systems											
Niche (IoT, PKI)											
Custom applications & legacy											Update/replace

No hybrid mode!

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What did the NIST propose in Nov.'24?


NIST Internal Report
 NIST IR 8547 ipd

Transition to Post-Quantum Cryptography Standards

<https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/ir/2024/NIST.IR.8547.ipd.pdf>

Initial Public Draft

	Security level	2025-2030	2031 - 2034	2035-
RSA-2048, DH, MQV	112		Deprecated	Disallowed
ECDSA, ECDH, MQC	112			Disallowed
RSA-3072, DH, MQV	128			Disallowed
ECDSA, ECDH, EdDSA	128			Disallowed
PQC or Hybrid	128-256			



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What did the White House say (17 Jan.'25)?


Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14144 of January 16, 2025

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-01-17/pdf/2025-01470.pdf>

Strengthening and Promoting Innovation in the Nation's Cybersecurity

- Secure BGP, DNS
- Encrypt email
- End to end encryption of voice and video conferencing
- TLS 1.3 requirement
- Agencies shall implement PQC key establishment or hybrid key establishment including a PQC algorithm **as soon as practicable** upon support being provided by network security products and services already deployed in their network architectures




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What did the White House say (6 Jun.'25)?

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/06/sustaining-select-efforts-to-strengthen-the-nations-cybersecurity-and-amending-executive-order-13694-and-executive-order-14144/>



December 1, 2025: release of a regularly updated CISA list of product categories that support PQC
January 2, 2030: issue requirements for agencies to support TLS 1.3 or higher (if available)
Removed

- PQC support requirements in product solicitations
- adopting PQC or hybrid KEM as soon as practicable
- language on international collaboration




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Rumours (20 May'26): New draft Executive Order

<https://postquantum.com/post-quantum/pqc-timeline-compression/>

December 31, 2030: key agreement
December 31, 2031: digital signatures



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Quantum-Readiness Working Group (QRWG) of the Canadian Forum for Digital Infrastructure Resilience (CFDIR)

<https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/spectrum-management-telecommunications/sites/default/files/documents/Quantum-Readiness%20Best%20Practices%20-%20v04%20-%2010%20July%202024.pdf>



Canadian National Quantum-Readiness
 BEST PRACTICES AND GUIDELINES
 Version 04 10 July 2024




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What did the EU say? (Apr.'24)

<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/recommendation-coordinated-implementation-roadmap-transition-post-quantum-cryptography>



This Commission Recommendation encourages Member States to develop a comprehensive strategy for the adoption of Post-Quantum Cryptography, to ensure a coordinated and synchronised transition among the different Member States and their public sectors.

Call by 18 EU Member States (Nov'24)

<https://www.bsi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/BSI/Crypto/PQC-joint-statement.pdf>

Roadmap for Member States by 2026

Projects: PQCSA and PIQASO




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European Cybersecurity Certification Group: Agreed Cryptographic Mechanisms (v2.0 April 2025)

https://certification.enisa.europa.eu/document/download/a845662b-ae0-484e-9191-890c4cf7aaa_en?filename=ECCG%20Agreed%20Cryptographic%20Mechanisms%20version%202.pdf

- **Good:** Adds lattice-based schemes Frodo-KEM and ML-KEM in hybrid mode
- **Bad:** Phasing out RSA-2048 (up to RSA-2999) for encryption by the end of 2025!
- **Ugly:** transparent process for public review is missing



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NIS Cooperation Group
A Coordinated Implementation Roadmap for the Transition to Post-Quantum Cryptography (Part 1, v1.1, 23 June '25)


<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/coordinated-implementation-roadmap-transition-post-quantum-cryptography>

First steps by 31 December 2026:
awareness, risk analysis, plan

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Distinction: low risk, medium risk, high risk

High risk: 2030	Medium risk: 2035	Low risk: try by 2035
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EU and cryptography: a difficult marriage

- Export control: what is **weak** cryptography
 - Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 of 5 May 2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items
- European Cybersecurity Certification Group (EUCC): Agreed Cryptographic Mechanisms: what is **very strong** for all member states (Common Criteria)
- No algorithm/protocols paper with recommendation for **“normal”** users
 - exist at national level
 - informal documents 2005-2020 (ECRYPT and ENISA)


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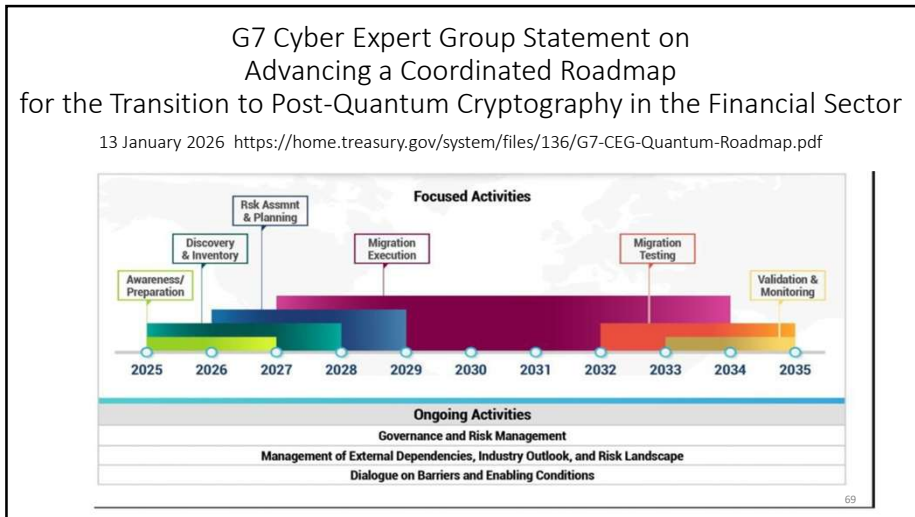
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More EU

- GDPR
- CRA: September 2026
- DORA



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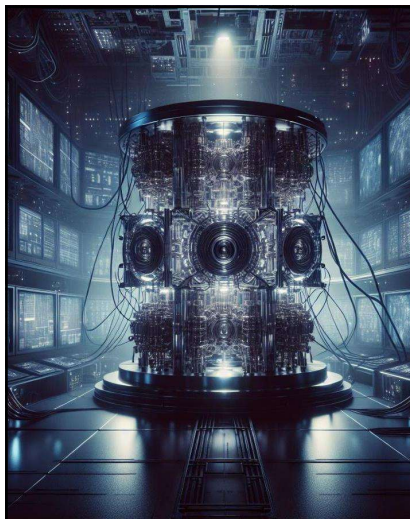


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By sector

- Government: should have started in 1994 for level secret and above
- Health: long term confidentiality
- Finance: driven by regulators (Singapore, Israel, Bank of England, ECB, BAFIN)
- Automotive: long product life cycles – software updates

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Conclusion

- We do not know for sure if or when a quantum computer will break RSA & ECC
- But there seems to be a consensus that we can't take the risk
- Need to move:
 - risk-based approach
 - crypto-agility
 - EU-level strategy
- Quantum computers will bring many cool applications
- But it still can take a while

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Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC): The Risk of Being Late

Links

NIST/NSA

- <https://www.nccoe.nist.gov/crypto-agility-considerations-migrating-postquantum-cryptographic-algorithms>
- https://media.defense.gov/2025/May/30/2003728741/-1/-1/0/CSA_CNSA_2.0_ALGORITHMS.PDF

GSMA

- <https://www.gsma.com/newsroom/post-quantum-government-initiatives-by-country-and-region/>
- <https://www.gsma.com/newsroom/wp-content/uploads/PQ.1-Post-Quantum-Telco-Network-Impact-Assessment-Whitepaper-Version1.0.pdf>
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SOG-IS Crypto Evaluation Scheme Agreed Cryptographic Mechanisms, Jan '20

- <https://sogis.eu/documents/cc/crypto/SOGIS-Agreed-Cryptographic-Mechanisms-1.2.pdf> (EU level Common Criteria agreement)

BSI

- https://www.bsi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/BSI/Publikationen/Studien/Quantencomputer/Entwicklungsstand_QC_V_2_1.html

Canada

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Australia

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More links

- Quantum Computing Roadmap overview: https://postquantum.com/quantum-computing-roadmaps-2025/#company=aegiq&company_id=24540
- Critical comments:
 - <https://arxiv.org/abs/1301.7007>
 - <https://www.nature.com/articles/nature12290>
 - <https://eprint.iacr.org/2025/1237>
- EU Draft roadmap <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/survey-eu-roadmap-post-quantum-cryptography>
- <https://blog.cloudflare.com/another-look-at-pq-signatures/>
- <https://github.com/IETF-Hackathon/pqc-certificates>
- <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-pquip-hbs-state/>

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Lectures on PQC by Alfred Menezes

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLA1qgQLL41SSUOHlq8ADraKKzv47v2yrF>

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